

Billy Goat

Report #56





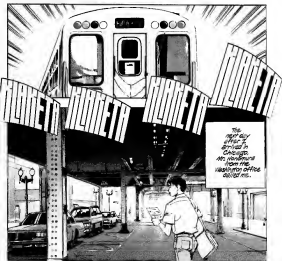




BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

Chicago:
The
city of
jazz
and blues
where
Al Capone
once
reigned
supreme...

...America's
number-one
city... the hub
that soared
up the Midwestern
skies in the
days of the
covered wagon-
and still
the biggest
grain market
in the
world.





The Billy Goat Tavern...it's an old pub where the dirty journalists meet — A little ground between the Chicago Sun-Times and the Chicago Tribune.













STAP STAP THW









LET'S
SAY HE
WINS
THE
PRESIDENCY...

HE
DOESN'T
STRIKE ME
AS THE KIND
OF MAN WHO
WOULD WANT
TO STEP
DOWN AFTER
FOUR YEARS.



WELL, I
WOULD
IMAGINE THAT
ANY POLITICIAN
SEEKING
THE TOP
POST...

...WOULD
WANT TO
TRY AND
GET THE
FULL
TWO
TERMS.



...WHY
IS
HE
HOLDING
HANDS
WITH
ELLERY?



HERE'S MY BILLY BOAT
LOWDOWN FOR YOU, MR.
JO. AS VICE-PRESIDENT,
I'LL BEING HERE
ALREADY FORMIDABLE
POLITICAL NETWORK
UNTIL IT'S STRONG
ENOUGH TO ACQUIRE
THE PRESIDENCY
ITSELF.

THIS IS A
STEPPING-STONE.
BEFORE TRAVAGRA'S
HALFWAY TO THE NEXT
ELECTION HE'LL FIND
THAT THE PARTY'S
PRESSURE ON HIM TO
LET HER RUN IN 2004
HAS BECOME
OVERWHELMING.



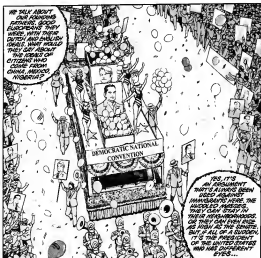
THE MIND
OF AN "ASIAN-
AMERICAN"
PRESIDENT, BUT
I'M GUESSING
YOU'VE
LOOKED
UNDER THAT
WRAPPED
BY NOW.

SO YOU'LL
UNDERSTAND
NOW I MEAN
IT WHEN I
SAY THAT
ELLERY
ISN'T A
"WOMAN,"
SHE'S A
POLITICIAN.



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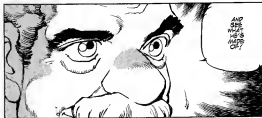


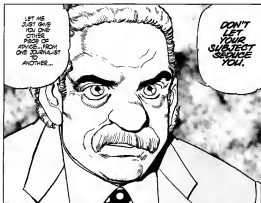


THEN
NOW IS HE
GOING
TO SEE
THIS
COUNTRY?
AND HOW WILL
AMERICANS
SEE
THEMSELVES,
AND THE
WORLD?

BECAUSE
THE PRESIDENT IS
THE LEADER OF
AMERICA, HE IS,
AND AMERICA IS
SUPPOSED TO BE
THE LEADER OF
THE WORLD YET
THERE ARE FAR
MORE PEOPLE
IN IT WHO
LOOK LIKE
HIM... THAN
ME.















...WHY
IN GOD'S
NAME

DIDN'T
YOU CHOOSE
HER FOR YOUR
RUNNING
MATE?!



IF ONLY
YOU'D DONE
THAT... WE'D
BE WORKING
ON YOUR
ACCEPTANCE
SPEECH RIGHT
NOW... INSTEAD
OF THIS
MESS!

WHEEL

THIS IS
HARRY JOHNSON,
COMING TO YOU
LIVE FROM CHICAGO
O'HARE INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT ON THIS,
THE SECOND
DAY OF THE
DEMOGRAPHIC
NATIONAL
CONVENTION.

IN THREE
THE FINAL HOURS
OF A CAMPAIGN THAT
HAS BEEN FULL OF
EXTRAORDINARY DEVELOP-
MENTS, THE PERSON
WHO HAS VERY SUDDENLY
BECOME ITS MOST TALKED-
ABOUT FIGURE IS
ABOUT TO STEP ON
A PLANE--AND
ABANDON AUTO
HISTORY.

Roll Call









OH, BUT
MR. SENATOR...

HAVE
YOU IN
FACT
MADE
YOUR
DECISION?



OF
COURSE...



WELL,
SINCE HE HAS
NOW TWO WIVES
TOGETHER,
WOULDN'T YOU
JUST MAKE AN
IMMEDIATE
ANNOUNCEMENT
...NOW?

COME ON,
SENATOR!
THE WHOLE
COUNTRY'S
WAITING TO
HEAR
THIS!



I'M
AFRAID
THAT
WOULD
BE
PREMATURE.



I
THINK
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

...THERE'S
A LITTLE
SOMETHING
I NEED
TO TAKE
CARE
OF
FIRST.





I WANT
TO TAKE THIS
OPPORTUNITY NOW
TO THANK YOU ALL
FOR THE HIGH LEVEL
OF INTEREST YOU'VE
SHOWN IN A
CAMPAIGN...
THAT SOME
ONCE CALLED
IMPOSSIBLE...

IT WAS A HARD
FIGHT IN THE PRIMARY,
BUT NECESSARY AS IT
WAS, YOU KNOW AS
WELL AS I THAT
NEITHER MY OPPONENT
NOR MYSELF ENDED
UP WITH THE
MAJORITY NEEDED
FOR THE
NOMINATION.



TOMORROW
EVENING,
BOTH OF US
WILL GO INTO
UNITED CENTER,
AND ONE OF
US WILL COME
OUT WITH
THAT
MAJORITY.



IT'S THE
LAST BATTLEGROUND,
AND BEFORE
I GO OR
SAY ANYTHING
ELSE IN THIS
CAMPAIGN...IT'S
A FIGHT
I FIRST
MUST WIN.

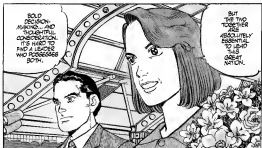


I
APPROPRIATE
LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN, BUT
I'M GOING TO GO
BY THE OFFICIAL
SCHEDULE
OF THE
CONVENTION...

...AND
ANNOUNCE
MY RUNNING
MATE
ONLY
AFTER
I EARN
THE
NOMINATION.



MADAM
FIRST
LADY, DO
YOU
HAVE
A
COMMENT?

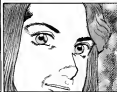


BOLD
DECISION-
MAKING... AND
THOUGHTFUL
CONSIDERATION.
IT'S HARD TO
FIND A LEADER
WHO POSSESSES
BOTH.

BUT
THE TWO
TOGETHER
ARE
ABSOLUTELY
ESSENTIAL
TO LEAD
THIS
GREAT
NATION.

I BELIEVE
THAT OVER THE
LAST EIGHT
MONTHS OF HIS
CAMPAIGN,
AMERICA HAS
SEEN THOSE
QUALITIES
IN THE
SENATOR.

AND
IT'S BECAUSE
OF THAT
THAT I
BELIEVE...
THAT KENNETH
DAVONA
WILL BE
THE NEXT
PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED
STATES!





CHICAGO 7:50 AM CENTRAL
STANDARD TIME, UNITED CENTER





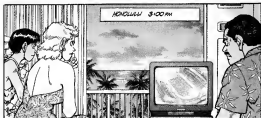
Each state Democratic party has sent an official delegation. By 1980, each will announce their vote until all four thousand and ninety-seven delegates have been cast.

They consist of Democratic governors, congressmen and senators, committee chairmen, and other officials. Their votes—the unknown factor—will be added to the votes won in the primaries to make each state's final count.

Most of those 4847 have already been selected for either North or South Carolina. There are still 1000 delegates fighting over in every primary from New Hampshire to California but the last 1000 the "Super Delegates" come vote until tonight.

2018 is the magic number—the majority 674. Each of the 50 states has a different number. It's 8 in Chicago. Time to count the votes. Prime time.

NEW YORK 9:00 AM

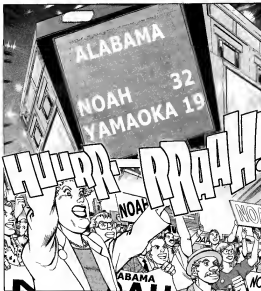


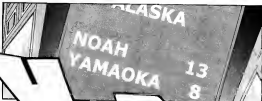
The vote is carried by roll call. The convention chairman calls on the states in alphabetical order.

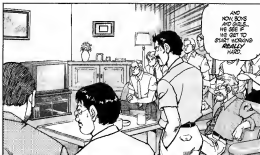
STIC NATIONAL
CONVENTION

A representative from each state's Democratic party then announces their votes. Just by tradition, the state where the convention is held is the last to be called.









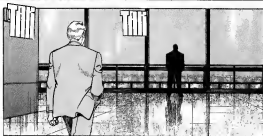








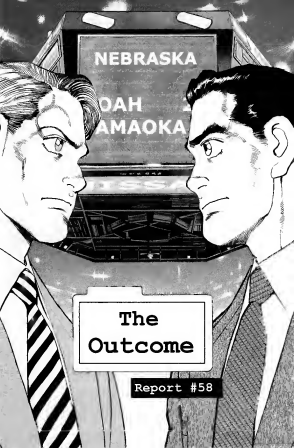






...WITH A
FOND REMEMBRANCE
TO BEING
REWARDED
FOR HARDY
WORKING DAYS
EIGHT VOTES
FOR KENNETH
MARRICK... AND
38 FOR
ALBERT
NOAH, JR.!





The Outcome

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THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT WAR IS ALREADY THERE. HOLY WAR, OUR WAR, FOR PEACE—HOLY WAR.

THOSE WHOSE JOB IT IS TO LEAD THEIR COUNTRY INTO IT ARE ALSO WARRIORS. SO LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE HARD PRACTICAL BUSINESS OF WAR.



YOU HAVE TO BE WILLING MARK INTO BLOOD. TO SHOOT. TO BE SHOT.



THEN THERE'S THE LAST PART, THE HARDEST. THAT'S THE PART WHERE YOU HAVE TO LIVE WITH IT AFTERWARDS.

AND IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE WILL FOR ALL THAT, THEN YOU DON'T DESERVE TO LEAD THIS COUNTRY.



...GIVE ME A **BREAK,** KENNETH! I HAVE THE WILL!



I'M RELIEVED TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT BECAUSE THERE'S GOING TO BE A **BREAK.**

















THE
ROLL
CALL
HAVING
BEEN
READ AND
A MAJORITY
AMONG
ALL
DELEGATES
REACHED.

...THE
DEMOCRATIC
PARTY
NOMINATES
CHARLES
KENNEDY
SENATOR
FROM
MASSACHUSETTS
AS
ITS CANDIDATE
FOR
PRESIDENT
OF THE
UNITED
STATES!



OH...





THE
MAN YOU
LOVED
WAS
JUST
NOMINATED
FOR
PRESIDENT

NETH YAMAOKA

icago















Conviction

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CARRIED
BY
ACCLAMATION!
THE
DEMOCRATIC
PARTY
NOMINEE
FOR VICE-
PRESIDENT
IS ALBERT
NOAH, JR.!















FOR
HIM, THIS
COUNTRY IS
STILL A
WASO
NATION.
I KNOW



IF
I'M
ELECTED
AS
PRESIDENT



NO,
EVEN
DURING
THE
CAMPAIGN,
I...



...AL FOR
A LONG TIME
I'VE HAD
TO PREPARE
FOR THE
REACTION FROM
THE POWERFUL
ELITE WHO
RUN AMERICA.
IN THE
END...









OF COURSE, YOU KNOW YOU'VE STILL GOT ONE WAY TO STOP IT. JUST ASK ME. DON'T SHOW UP TOMORROW FOR YOUR ACCEPTANCE SPEECH.

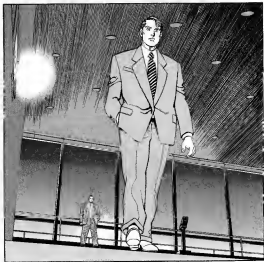


CAN YOU IMAGINE THE FIASCO? IT'S THE FINAL DAY OF THE CONVENTION. THE WHOLE NATION WAITING FOR THE RESULT OF THE LAST SURPRISE MOVE FROM YAMAGUCHI.



AND THEN: EVERYONE SAYS WHAT A SHAME... HE OVERPLAYED HIS HAND.







WHAT?!
KENNEDY'S
GONE?!



SO
HE JUST
DIS-
APPEARED?

HAVE
HE'S
CELEBRATING
ALONE.



YEAH...

WE
LOOKED
EVERY-
WHERE.



CELEBRATING?
TODAY'S
HIS
ACCEPTANCE
SPEECH!

WE
CAN
CELEBRATE
WITH
THE
COMPANY'S
OVER!



WE'VE
STILL
NOT
TOO
OVER
THE
EIGHT! HE'S
GOT TO
RENTURE!

FIND
HIM!
GET HIM
BACK
HERE
NOW!











...EIGHT YEARS UNDER
WIN... AND
NOW
EIGHT YEARS UNDER
YOU?

YOU...
ACTUALLY
ASKED
ME TO
DO
THAT?



TAKE
ME TO
THE
AIRPORT.



OR?



I
WANT
YOU TO
GET MY
PLANE
READY.









Running Mate

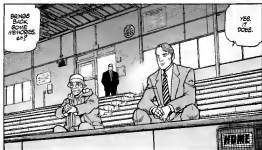
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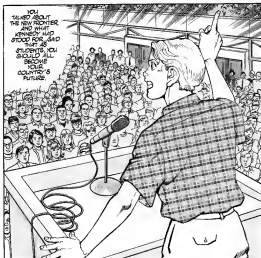












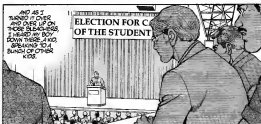


AND I WAS
SITTING
THERE, A
GROWN MAN,
FEELING
SCARED
AND
VULNERABLE.

IT'D BEEN
THREE YEARS
SINCE I LOST
MY FIRST BACK
FOR THE DEBATE.
TRYING TO
DECIDE WHICH
WAS STRONGER
IN ME...



...MY
HUNGER TO
MOVE UP
OR THE
FEAR OF
LOSING
AGAIN.



AND AS I
TURNED IT OVER
AND OVER UP ON
THOSE SLEIGH-ESSES,
I HEARD MY BOY
DOWN THERE, A KID,
SPEAKING TO A
BUNCH OF OTHER
KIDS.

ELECTION FOR C...
OF THE STUDENT



"...WE
NEED IN
POLITICS
WHAT WE
NEED IN
LIFE..."

"...THE
EFFORT
IS
MADE...
WITH
TRUTH
AND
LOVE..."

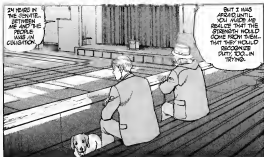




THANK
GOD... YOU
HAVE NO
FEEL SO
AWAYED OF
YOURSELF
THAT ONLY
ALBERT.



I
REMEMBERED
WHY I
HATED TO
GO TO
WASHINGTON
IN THE FIRST
PLACE.



IN HEARD IN
THE SERVICE...
BETWEEN
ME AND THE
PEOPLE
WAS AN
CONNECTION.

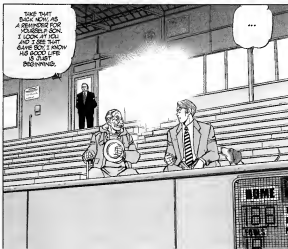
BUT I WAS
AFRAID UNTIL
YOU HAVE NO
REALIZE THAT THE
STRENGTH WOULD
COME FROM THEM...
THAT THEY WOULD
DISCOVER THE
DUTY TOO IN
TRYING.

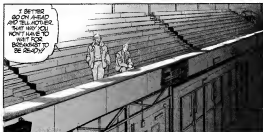


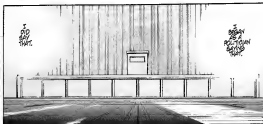
OH YES, I
BELIEVE
THIS
IS
YOUR.

...WHAT?











I
REMEMBER
IT
WAS
REAL...

MY
COUNTRY
...



...HUNT
ALL THE
PEOPLE...



I
SAW MY
FRIENDS,
AND
I SAID:
IT'S
OUR
FUTURE
TOGETHER...

I
SAID
IT, BUT
IT WAS
THEY WHO
HEARD.
BETTER
TRUSTED...



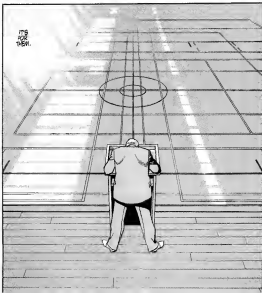
ALL
TILL
EVERYONE
WAS A
POLITICIAN
...



...THAT'S
NOTHING
ANYTHING
...



...IS
THAT
POWER...



CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
UNITED CENTER









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SENATOR
KENNETH
YAMAOKA!









The Man With A Mission

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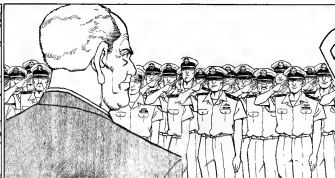


I
WAS
STILL
AT
ANNAPOLIS



I NEVER
THOUGHT
THEN I'D GET TO
WALK ON
THIS VERY
CARPETS
AGASSIDE







WHEN WE
CONSIDER HOW FAST
CREATION IS... THE
MOON ISN'T REALLY
SO FAR AWAY. THE
LIGHT OF THE EARTH
TAKES ONLY A
LITTLE MORE THAN
A SECOND TO
GET THERE.

BUT WHAT FOR
LIGHT IS A HEARTBEAT
TOOK SEVEN YEARS
AND THE HEARTS OF AN
ENTIRE NATION TO
ACCOMPLISH. AND
WHAT DID AMERICA
GAIN IN RETURN FOR
THAT EFFORT?



THE SLOGAN OF THE
HEROIC APOLLO IS
WAS AN LUNAR SCIENTIST-
FROM THE MOON,
KNOWLEDGE "SUPPOSE
I START TO
ANSWER, THEN, BY
LOOKING DOWN,
AS I DO ON
THE LUNAR
SURFACE.

IN THE
COMPOSITION OF
THOSE HEAVEN
MOON ROCKS
WAS KNOWLEDGE
ABOUT THE
ANCIENT ORIGIN
OF OUR SOLAR
SYSTEM.

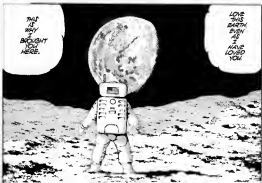


WE CONTINUE FROM
SCIENCE, THEN, EVEN AS
I DID, WHEN I BEGAN TO
LOOK UP FROM THE MOON,
INTO THE VOID OF SPACE,
TO ASK THAT ONE GREAT
QUESTION: WHAT
WAS THE SPACE OF THOSE
YEARS, THE APOLLO PROJECT
WAS TO ASK THE
TECHNOLOGY THAT AFFECTS
OUR LIVES BY DECADES.

BUT I
ASKED WHAT
AMERICA
GAINED,
AND THERE
WAS THE
ANSWER.









NOW, STANDING
IN THE DAWN OF
THE TWENTIETH
CENTURY... WHEN I
AM QUIET, WHEN
I LISTEN INSIDE...
I STILL
HEAR THAT
VOICE OF
REVELATION...



IT SAYS
WE CAN
ACCOMPLISH
ANYTHING
IN MARCH
WE HAVE
FAITH.



THAT...
THAT WAS
THE ANSWER,
LADIES
AND
GENTLEMEN,
THAT WAS
OUR GAIN.



HURRAH!











MEMORIAL
JAIL

HE
CERTAINLY
CAME
UP
FAST.



HE
SOMEHOW
MANAGED
TO GET
ROSH ON
HIS
TEAM

...HAVING
NOTHING
MORE THAN
ANOTHER
TEAM AS
VICE-
PRESIDENT.



FOR
GOD'S
SAKE...
IT'S LIKE
BEING
HELD
BACK A
GRADE.



SIR, I'M THINKING
WE NEED TO TAKE
HIM A LITTLE MORE
SERIOUSLY. HE EVEN
MANAGED TO PUT SOME
LIFE INTO MOODEN
AL... YOU HEARD
THAT SPEECH HE
GAVE TO INTRODUCE
MEMORIAL
AT THE
CONVENTION...



I
HARDLY
THINK IT
CAME UP
TO YOUR
OWN SPEECH
TODAY,
SENATOR.



LEARNED
A
FUNNY
THING
ABOUT
CRAVENS
ONCE.

YOU
GIVE
PEOPLE
REALITY
AND THEY
AREN'T
SATISFIED
WITH IT.



WASHINGTON, D.C.





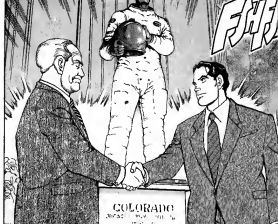


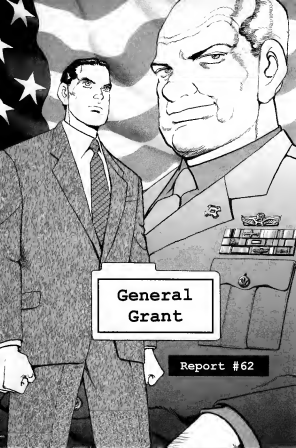












**General
Grant**

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RICHARD GRANT, SIXTY-
EIGHT YEARS OLD
LIEUTENANT
GENERAL,
USAF RESERVE.
SENIOR SENATOR
FROM
COLORADO,
HIS HOME
STATE.

AEROSPACE AND
ARMING EXECUTIVE
AFTER LEAVING NASA
IN 1978, ELECTED TO
THE SENATE IN 1982.
ARMING ARMED SERVICES
COMMITTEE, AND CHAIR
OF BOTH THE ARMY
AS WELL AS THE
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY
AND SPACE
SUBCOMMITTEES.



LEADING
EXPERT ON
ADVANCED
ARMING SYSTEMS
NICELY
CREATED
AS THE ARCHITECT
OF THE AIR
STRATEGY IN
THE GULF...

...I
THINK
I'VE
BUILT
UP THE
PICTURE
FOR
YOU
ALL...



DEFENSE ISSUES
ARE CURRENTLY THE
BIGGEST POLICY
WEAKNESS OF OUR
TICKET; U.S.
MILITARY VENTURES
OVER THE LAST
EIGHT YEARS
HAVE BEEN
UNCONCLUSIVE

MY RECOMMENDATION
IS TO ASSOCIATE
A CONVINCING AND
CREDIBLE SENIOR
MILITARY OFFICER
WITH OUR CAMPAIGN
AT THE EARLIEST
POSSIBLE STAGE.
SUGGESTING
HIM PUBLICLY AS
OUR FUTURE NATIONAL
SECURITY ADVISOR









WE ARE
GOING TO
NOW LIVE
FROM ABOVE
THE NATIONAL
MALL IN
WASHINGTON,
D.C.

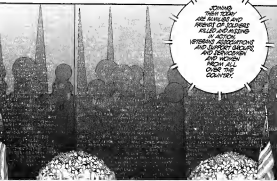
FOR
THE 25th ANNIVERSARY
YEAR SINCE THE
END OF THE
VIETNAM WAR,
A SOLIDITY AND
EXTRAORDINARY
REMEMBRANCE
SERVICE HAS
BEEN ORGANIZED
BELOW.

WITH
THE SUPPORT
OF SERVANTS
WHO FIGHT IN
THE WAR, THIS
YEAR'S CEREMONY
INVOLVES NOT ONLY
GOVERNMENT
REPRESENTATIVES,
BUT TOP-RANKING
OFFICERS IN THE ARMY,
NAVY, AIR FORCE,
AND MARINES.

BUT OF
THE 300,000
PEOPLE
GATHERED HERE
TODAY, BEFORE
THE MEMORIAL
HALL... TWO
MEN STAND
OUT ABOVE
ALL
OTHERS.



TODAY
THEY ARE
REUNIONING
AND MENDING
THE WOUNDS
OF SOLDIERS
KILLED IN ACTION,
WIDOWS, ORPHANS,
AND SURVIVORS,
AND WOMEN
FROM ALL
OVER THE
COUNTRY.





...DEMOCRATIC
SENATOR
KENNETH
KEATING...



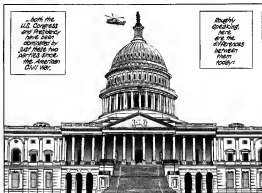
...AND
REPUBLICAN
SENATOR
RICHARD
GRANT.



...ON
THAT DAY
THE TWO
ASPIRANT
CANDIDATES
STAND SIDE
BY SIDE
UNITED BY
A COMMON
HISTORY



*United Japan,
where all party all
men different
major and minor
political parties
maneuver in a
constant state
of coalition,
break-ups,
formation and
some changes.*



*...both the
U.S. Congress
and Presidency
have been
administered by
just these two
parties since
the American
Civil War.*

*Really
speaking,
here
are the
differences
between
them
today.*



The basic position of the Republicans is "A Strong America," hence their traditional political advantage with both the military and the defense industry.

Properly written, completely self-right and dogmatic, they believe in traditional views of religious faith, the family, and patriotism, as well as individual economic self-reliance. They are against abortion and gun control.



The basic position of the Democrats is "A Fair America," hence their traditional support among unions, non-whites, the poor, and immigrants.

The Democrats have in the past placed priority on social welfare, education, and environmental protection, as well as the civil rights of the individual. They support gun control and a woman's right to an abortion.

The Republican Party is supported by large, national industries, industry and areas where America leads the world: chemical, engineering and aerospace.



The Democratic party is supported by the political action groups of organized labor, women, and minorities.

Looking at individual counties reveals Democratic support in areas dominated by African, Hispanic, and African-American. This holds true, even within conservative states such as Texas and Florida.

County-by-county breakdown of voting reveals Republican support in most areas where the economy is dominated by farming or mining, and in small towns and rural areas in general. This holds true even within liberal states such as California.

Both parties fight in every election over the suburban "swing states" that might tip the scale towards a win in the Electoral College. The Republicans prefer to carry the South, Great Plains, and Mountain West.

Generally, the Democrats can look to the coasts of the West Coast, Northeast, and Great Lakes regions...







